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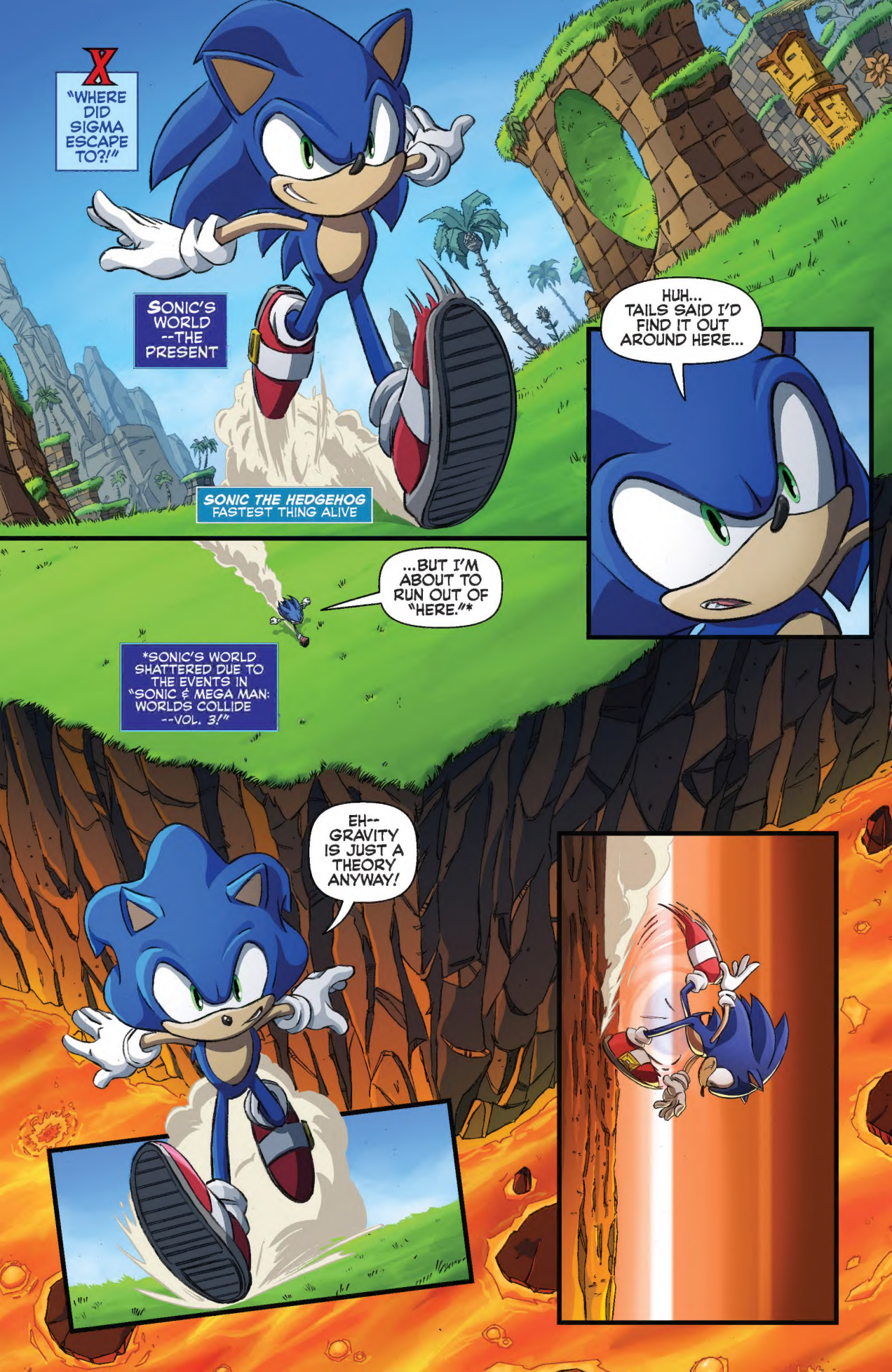
MEGA MAN'S WORLD 21XX --FAR INTO THE FUTURE
HUNTERS! ARM YOUR WEAPONS AND SYNC WITH YOUR NAVIGATORS!
ZERO! AXL! YOU'RE WITH ME!
AXL PROTOTYPE NEXT-GEN REPLOID
X HUNTER LEADER
ZERO ELITE HUNTER
SKYEW
SKYEW
SKYEW
SKYEW
SKYEW
SKYEW
WE STOP SIGMA HERE AND NOW!

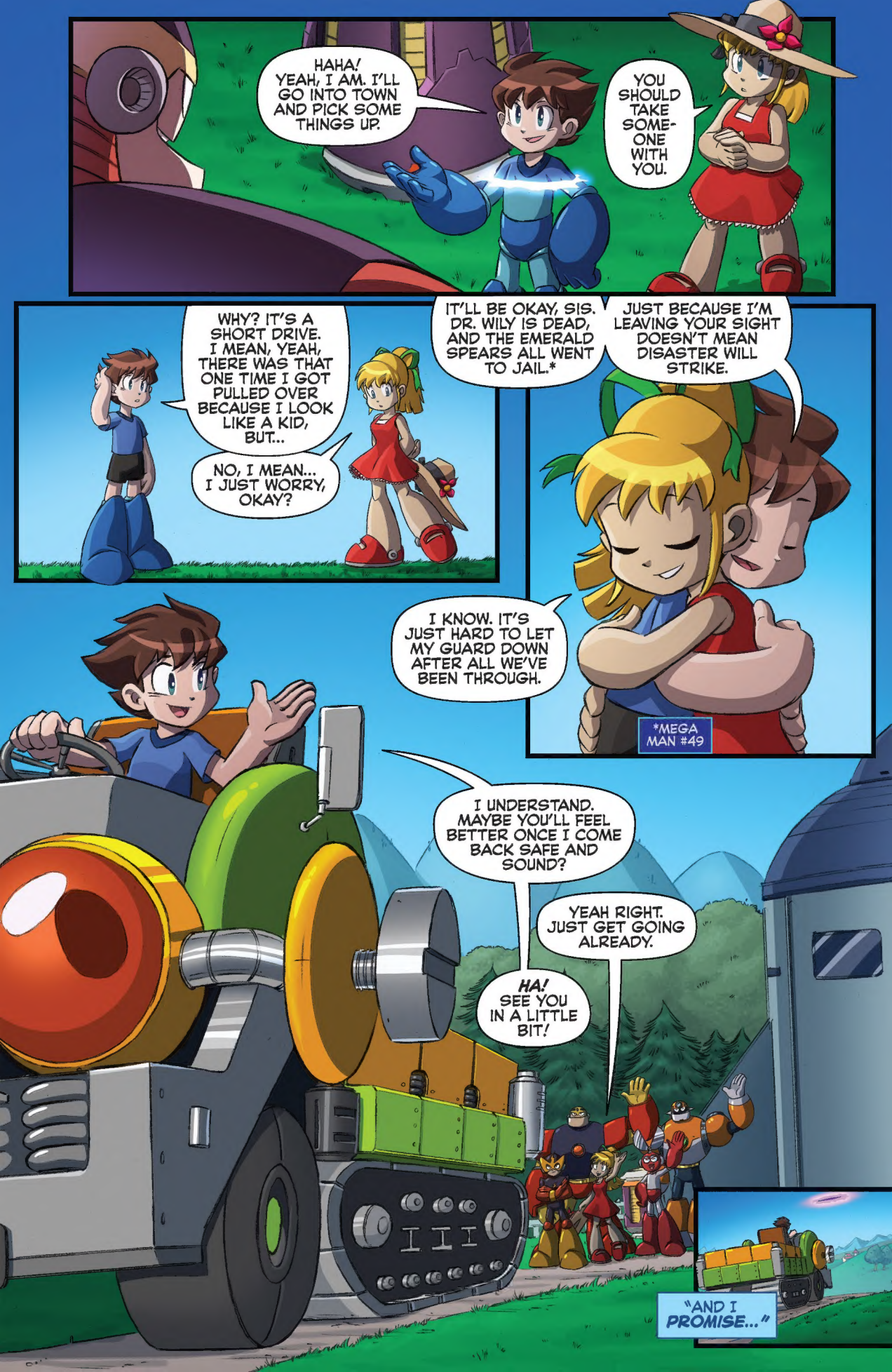
KA-BOOM
HAHAHA! IT ALWAYS FEELS SO GOOD TO SHOOT YOU!
BLAM
VILE VICIOUS EX-HUNTER
IT'LL FEEL EVEN BETTER TO FINALLY KILL YOU!
GRR! HE GETS MOUTHIER EVERY TIME SIGMA RESURRECTS HIM!
GO! AXL AND I WILL COVER YOU!
RIGHT! THANKS, ZERO.
SKZZTT

DEEP INSIDE THE FORTRESS...
SIGMA LIVING DIGITAL VIRUS
HEH! I'D HOPED TO SCOUT OUT MY DESTINATION A BIT LONGER BEFORE MAKING MY MOVE.
KA-BOOM
THEN AGAIN, DR. EGGMAN HAS ALL BUT SET THINGS UP FOR ME BY ABUSING THE ZETI...
SIGMA! YOUR THREAT TO OUR WORLD IS FINALLY AT AN END!
HAHAHA! QUITE THE OPPOSITE, X. MY COMMAND OF WORLDS IS ONLY BEGINNING!
SHVORN
WHAT THE--?!


X
"WHERE DID SIGMA ESCAPE TO?!"
SONIC'S WORLD --THE PRESENT
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE
HUH... TAILS SAID I'D FIND IT OUT AROUND HERE...
...BUT I'M ABOUT TO RUN OUT OF "HERE."*
*SONIC'S WORLD SHATTERED DUE TO THE EVENTS IN "SONIC & MEGA MAN: WORLDS COLLIDE --VOL. 3!"
EH-- GRAVITY IS JUST A THEORY ANYWAY!

HEY THERE, LITTLE FELLAH!
DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS AROUND HERE?
AH-HA! IT'S ANOTHER OF KNUCKLES'S MASTER EMERALD SHARDS!
I SWEAR, I'M DOING HIS JOB FOR HIM AT THIS RATE...
HUP!
TOO BAD WE CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE SHARDS AND THE CHAOS EMERALDS FROM LONG RANGE.
WE NEED TO GET THAT LAST EMERALD AND HURRY UP ABOUT FIXING THE PLANET.
ACTION AND ADVENTURE ARE COOL AND ALL, BUT EVEN THEY GET SAME-Y WITHOUT A FEW MOMENTS OF PEACE...

MEGA MAN'S WORLD 20XX--THE PRESENT
OUTSIDE LIGHT LABS
OKAY, ON MY MARK, WE GIVE IT ONE STEADY JOLT. READY?
READY!
THREE, TWO, ONE--MARK!
MEGA MAN WEAPON EQUIP: THUNDER BEAM
ELEC MAN POWER-MANAGING ROBOT MASTER
VVVVVmmmmmm
KLAK
YAY! WE HAVE POWER AGAIN!
HEH HEH--TOO BAD! HAVING ICE MAN AND FIRE MAN TAG-TEAMING AS THE HEATING AND COOLING UNITS WAS FUNNY.
ROLL MEGA MAN'S SISTER
CUT MAN FORESTRY ROBOT MASTER
WHEW! WE'VE BEEN DEALING WITH ONE CRISIS AFTER ANOTHER FOR SO LONG...
THINGS MIGHT ACTUALLY FEEL LIKE THEY'RE BACK TO NORMAL SOON!
HEY, MEGS!
WHAT'S UP, GUTS MAN?
WE'VE ALMOST FINISHED THE REPAIRS ON THE EAST WING OF THE LAB, BUT WE'VE RUN OUT OF MATERIALS. YOU'RE BACK TO BEING A CUDDLY LITTLE HELPER BOT NOW, RIGHT?
GUTS MAN GROUND CLEARING ROBOT MASTER
CONCRETE MAN CONSTRUCTION ROBOT MASTER

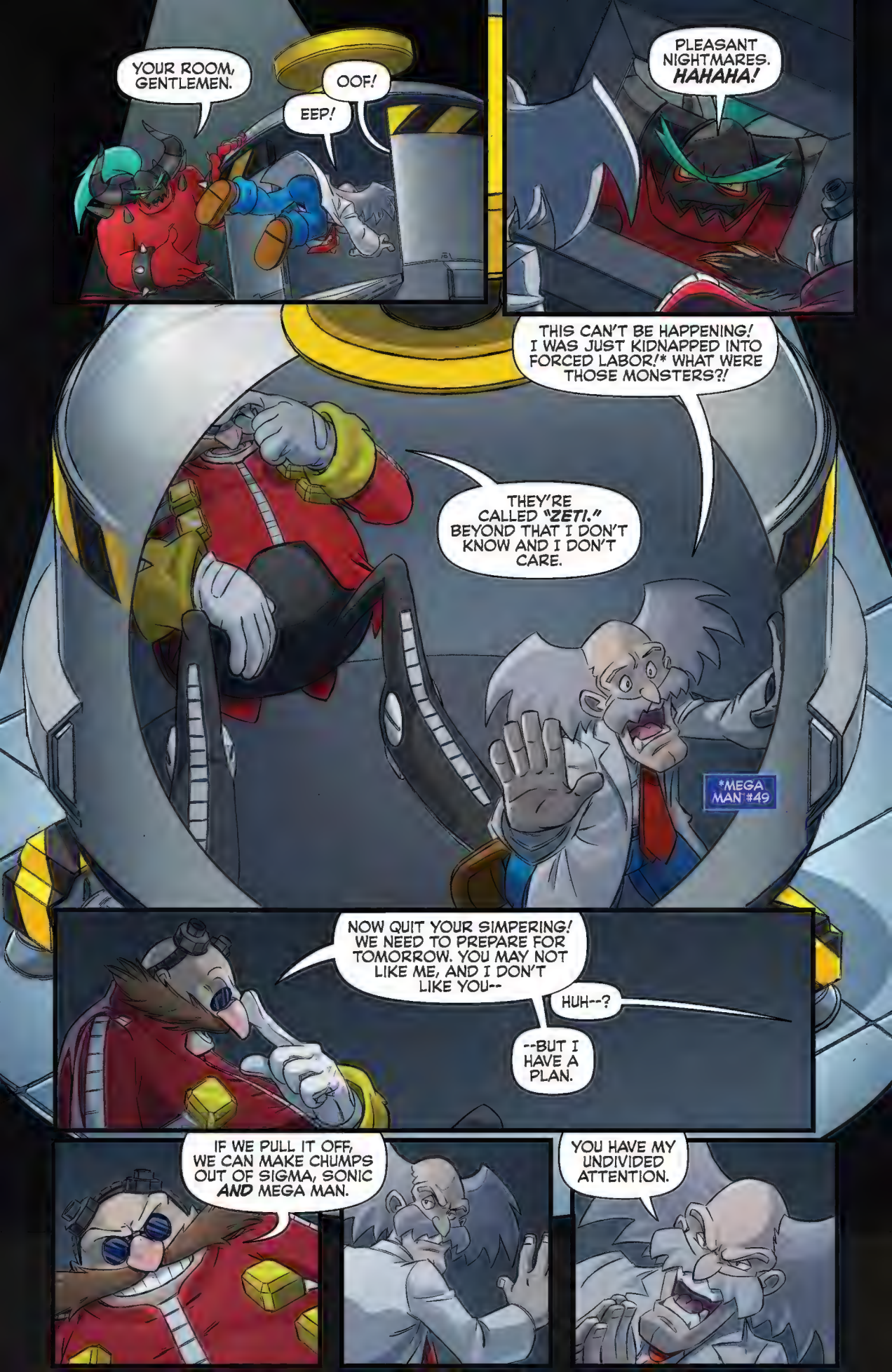

HAHA! YEAH, I AM. I'LL GO INTO TOWN AND PICK SOME THINGS UP.
YOU SHOULD TAKE SOME-ONE WITH YOU.
WHY? IT'S A SHORT DRIVE. I MEAN, YEAH, THERE WAS THAT ONE TIME I GOT PULLED OVER BECAUSE I LOOK LIKE A KID, BUT...
NO, I MEAN... I JUST WORRY, OKAY?
IT'LL BE OKAY, SIS. DR. WILY IS DEAD, AND THE EMERALD SPEARS ALL WENT TO JAIL.*
JUST BECAUSE I'M LEAVING YOUR SIGHT DOESN'T MEAN DISASTER WILL STRIKE.
I KNOW. IT'S JUST HARD TO LET MY GUARD DOWN AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH.
*MEGA MAN #49
I UNDERSTAND. MAYBE YOU'LL FEEL BETTER ONCE I COME BACK SAFE AND SOUND?
YEAH RIGHT. JUST GET GOING ALREADY.
HA! SEE YOU IN A LITTLE BIT!
"AND I PROMISE..."

"...I'LL BE FINE!"
SONIC'S WORLD --LOST HEX
DR. EGGMAN MAD GENIUS
"Dr. Eggman's Log of Glorious Conquest..."
"...and hopefully not my final entry."
"In an effort to get a new perspective on the whole "shattered world" problem, I conquered the small, hidden world of Lost Hex and enslaved the locals, the Deadly Six."
"I had them build me a base, keeping them in line with the power of the Cacophonic Conch..."
THE DEADLY SIX THE ZETI OF LOST HEX
"...until Orbot smashed it, leaving me rather defenseless."
ORBOT EGGMAN'S ROBOTIC LACKEY--LOOKING A LITTLE... EVIL... TODAY...
O-ORBOT, BUDDY? YOU FEELIN' OKAY?
CUBOT ORBOT'S FELLOW ROBO-LACKEY
KRASH
"I was furious at the betrayal! Only to come to find out that it wasn't really Orbot, but Orbot infected by an other-worldly virus calling itself ..."Sigma"."
NOW THEN, DOCTOR. I'VE STUDIED YOU FOR SOME TIME NOW. I'LL BE NEEDING YOUR RARE SKILLS AND INTELLECT.
"Then I was still furious, but for entirely different reasons."
FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: A NEW, MORE SUITABLE BODY FOR ME.

"I worked many long, grueling hours. There's a *reason* I enslave others to do this sort of thing for me!"
"In that time, I learned a few key things about my tormentors..."
"First, Sigma is from another world--another *time*--of far superior technology, which I'd love to steal for my own."
"Second, he's managed to gain some command of the Genesis Portals. More research I'd like for myself."
"And third..."
"...he's staggeringly egotistical. I'll have to use that to my advantage."
EXCELLENT WORK, DOCTOR! ESPECIALLY FOR A MERE HUMAN.
SIGMA-1 MAVERICK OVERLORD REBORN

YES, WELL, IT'S NICE TO BE APPRECIATED. NOW THAT YOU HAVE YOUR BODY, YOU CAN DO THE REST.
...WHAT JUST HAPPENED...?
OH, I'M NO BUILDER, DOCTOR. YOU HAVE MUCH MORE YET TO DO!
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BUILD ALL THAT FOR--!
≥SIGH≤ I MEAN, THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BUILD ALL THAT WITHOUT SOME HELP. I'M EXHAUSTED, AND...AND... YOUR DESIGNS ARE JUST SO ADVANCED...!
AND I'LL NEED AN ACCOMPLICE-- OR DECOY--TO GET OUT OF THIS MESS!

HMM...YES, I KNOW JUST THE MAN TO HELP YOU. MY CONQUEST WOULD HAVE US CROSS PATHS EVENTUALLY, BUT THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT.
ER... WHO?
SHWORN
NO! HELP! SOMEBODY HELP MEEEEEEE!
DR. ALBERT W. WILY
MEGA MAN'S (SUPPOSEDLY) DEAD NEMESIS
"I submit this as proof that the fates hate me. Out of all the universes and all the beings in them, Sigma *had* to choose *him*..."
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT IS *THAT?!* *WHAT'S GOING ON?!*
DR. EGGMAN NEEDS HIS REST, AND DR. WILY NEEDS TO GET HIS BEARINGS. SEE THEM BOTH TO A PRISON EGG.
TOMORROW-- THEY *WORK!*


YOUR ROOM, GENTLEMEN.
OOF!
EEP!
PLEASANT NIGHTMARES. HAHAHA!
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! I WAS JUST KIDNAPPED INTO FORCED LABOR!* WHAT WERE THOSE MONSTERS?!
THEY'RE CALLED "ZETI." BEYOND THAT I DON'T KNOW AND I DON'T CARE.
*MEGA MAN #49
NOW QUIT YOUR SIMPERING! WE NEED TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW. YOU MAY NOT LIKE ME, AND I DON'T LIKE YOU--
HUH--?
--BUT I HAVE A PLAN.
IF WE PULL IT OFF, WE CAN MAKE CHUMPS OUT OF SIGMA, SONIC AND MEGA MAN.
YOU HAVE MY UNDIVIDED ATTENTION.

"I looked over the designs Sigma wants us to build. Turning my badnik assembly line into what he calls a "mechaniloid factory" is as mundane as it is insulting..."
"The armor he wants made for the Deadly Six will enhance all their abilities."
"Sigma's also built a trap into the armors."
"Those treasonous Zeti will get what's coming to them!"
"We'll need Sonic and Mega Man's power to oust Sigma. Though we also don't want to have those two blue buffoons get in *our* way."
"To that end, I think we need to appeal to Sigma's viral, corruption-happy side..."

SOON...
WHY IS BUILDING FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S CONQUEST SO MUCH MORE EXHAUSTING THAN BUILDING FOR YOUR OWN?
YOUR HEART'S JUST NOT IN IT. CRAFTING YOUR OWN TOOLS OF CONQUEST IS JUST INHERENTLY SWEETER.
I CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT.
WITH THIS POWER I'VE GIFTED YOU, TOGETHER WE CAN ENACT MY PLAN THAT WILL CONSUME WORLDS.
A PLAN THAT WILL BE PERFECT WITH ONE MINOR ADJUSTMENT...
WITH US IN CONTROL. WE SERVE NO ONE-- AS SLAVES OR PARTNERS!
OUR NATURAL ABILITIES ALLOW US TO CONTROL MACHINES.
NOW, EMPOWERED BY THIS ARMOR, WE CAN CONTROL EVEN ROBOTS AS ADVANCED AS YOU, SIGMA!

HAHAHA!
I AM NO MERE ROBOT-- I AM A REPLOID! AND WHILE YOU MAY COMMAND MY BODY, NOTHING CAN CONTROL MY WILL.
THANKS TO THAT ARMOR, HOWEVER, THE SAME CANNOT BE SAID FOR YOU!
I DIDN'T THINK I'D NEED TO PLAY MY TRUMP CARD SO EARLY. ORGANIC BEINGS ARE SUCH TREACHEROUS, FRAIL THINGS...
LET THIS BE A WARNING TO YOU, DOCTORS. NOW-- GET TO WORK ON THE UNITY ENGINES. I WANT TO CLAIM THE POWER OF YOUR WORLDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WHAT ARE YOU--?
Nudge Nudge
Oh! RIGHT!
ACTUALLY, SIGMA, I HAD A THOUGHT ON THAT...
YES, WE DID!
STICK TO THE SCRIPT!
ON MY WORLD, THERE'S THIS OBNOXIOUS LITTLE BOY ROBOT WHO FANCIES HIMSELF A HERO--MEGA MAN!
THE MINUTE YOU TRY TO PLACE THE UNITY ENGINE ON MY WORLD, HE'S GOING TO SHOW UP AND RUIN YOUR PLANS.
TRUST ME--I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS SCENARIO A FEW TIMES NOW.
YOU'VE SPIED ON MY WORLD, SO YOU KNOW IT'S THE SAME!
WE'RE HIDDEN HERE ON LOST HEX, BUT THE MINUTE YOU LEAVE THIS BASE, YOU'LL HAVE TO CONTEND WITH SONIC!
FAIR POINTS. VERY WELL--HOW DO YOU SUGGEST I DEAL WITH THEM?

WHY, PREEMPTIVELY, OF COURSE!
YOU'VE GOT THE DEADLY SIX UNDER YOUR CONTROL...
USE THEM TO AMBUSH THE SO-CALLED "HEROES"!
AND SINCE YOU CAN COMMAND THE GENESIS PORTALS (SOMEHOW), YOU CAN ATTACK THEM WITH EASE!
WITH THEM SAFELY INCAPACITATED, YOU CAN HAVE THEM BROUGHT HERE.

THAT'S WHEN WE APPLY OUR GENIUS—
—AND WE CONVERT THESE SO-CALLED "HEROES" INTO MERE MINIONS FOR YOU!
AFTER ALL, THEY CAN'T FIGHT YOUR INSTALLATION OF THE UNITY ENGINES WHEN THEY'RE INSTALLING THEM FOR YOU!
PLUS, YOU GET THE SWEET SATISFACTION OF BENDING YOUR ENEMIES TO YOUR WILL!

SOON...
AH... IF YOU COULD ONLY SEE ME NOW, X. HOW FAR I'VE COME FROM OUR LITTLE FEUD.
WITH THIS MASTER ENGINE, THE POWER OF TWO WORLDS WILL BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO ME.
THEIR POWER WILL FUEL MY EVOLUTION. WILL YOU EVEN BE ABLE TO CONCEPTUALIZE WHAT I'LL HAVE BECOME WHEN I COME FOR YOU, I WONDER?
I'VE EVEN ACQUIRED MY--*Heh*-- "TRADITIONAL" EIGHT COMMANDERS. ALTHOUGH TWO ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING... "RECRUITED."
I WILL ADMIT, I WAS DUBIOUS AT FIRST. BUT NOW, I'M RATHER EXCITED FOR YOUR PLAN, DOCTORS.
HOW GOES IT?

PREPARATIONS ARE NEARLY COMPLETE.
JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT WE TURN THEM INTO!
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MY SONIC UNIVERSE™ PRESENTS: A Letter from the EDITOR

WORLDS UNITE

HI EVERYONE!!! This is editor **Vincent Lovallo** coming to you live from the editorial column of *Sonic Universe* #76! I hope you all enjoyed reading the first issue of the epic "Worlds Unite" storyline as much as we did making it! If you thought this issue was awesome... well... you're right and you have excellent taste in comics! There's plenty more awesomeness where that came from, so get psyched!

Speaking of awesome, I'd like to take a moment to give a special tip of the hat to all involved in this special crossover event. A lot of production goes into these books each month, from the initial ideas for the story to the completed work of art you hold in your hands. I couldn't be prouder of the **Archie Action Team** for all their wonderful work and continued efforts to make these comic books the best that they can be!

Finally, I'd like to give a GIGANTIC THANKS to all the **fans** for their continued support of the **Archie Action** titles. It's all thanks to you that we can create crazy cool comics consecutively! Alliteration FTW!

That's all for now! The crossover chaos continues DIRECTLY in *Sonic Boom* #8! Be sure to pick it up for another helping of awesome! Oh, and don't forget that each issue of the crossover features at least two variant covers which you can get at your local comic shop (the "COVERS UNITE" variants combine to make one giant image and it's super sweet)! PLUGGITYPLUGPLUG! — IT WILL NEVER END! :)

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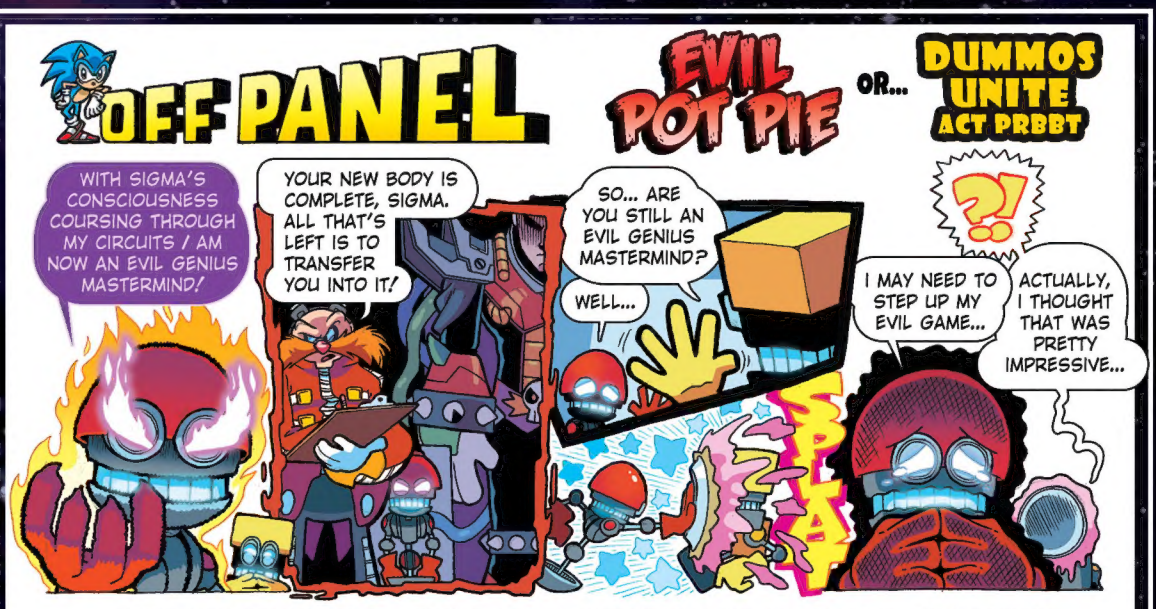

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